

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Its misuse of the power it has gained through consolidation borders dangerously on political control of the media. There can be no clearer example of the perils of media consolidation across multiple markets.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.